

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2585 - SB 2915

March 13, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: (1) Amends the law on the Health Access Incentive Account to focus recruiting of primary care physicians and nurse practitioners for the 15 counties with the most acute shortages of primary health care; (2) requires a program to develop a high technology telecommunications program to network rural areas to major specialty centers and to focus on the need for medical specialists in the 30 counties with the most severe shortages of specialists; (3) amends the current law in regards to distribution of income from unclaimed property funds. Currently up to \$2,000,000 can be distributed from unclaimed property funds to the Health Access Incentive Account; and (4) removes this cap on the amount of funds that can be transferred.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000

Increase State Revenues - \$7,000,000/Health Access Incentive Account

Decrease State Revenues - \$7,000,000/General Fund

Assumes:

- the bill increases expenditures to implement the three program phases required by the provisions of the bill.
- implementation of the three program phases will depend on the availability of funds in the health access account.
- all unclaimed property funds will be transferred to the Health Access Incentive Account rather than the General Fund.
- a loss of interest earnings to the General Fund from revenues transferred.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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